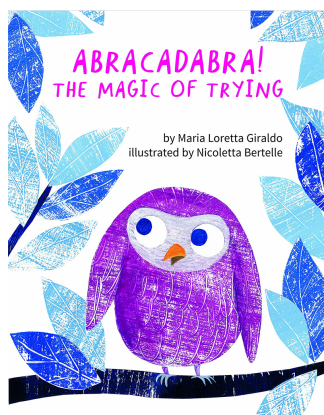


Books for Kindergarten through Grade 2

Recommended books that reinforce understanding of program topics for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2

Browse this list to find children's books that have been evaluated for their alignment to key social-emotional skills and concepts. These books can be read aloud and used to reinforce skills and concepts taught throughout Second Step® Elementary. Lexile levels are also listed to provide students with SEL-aligned books they can read on their own.

Unit 1



Abracadabra! The Magic of Trying

Author: Maria Loretta Giraldo

Flying is easy. All you have to do is say the magic words abracadabra. It seems to work for everyone, except for Owl. Owl keeps trying, and after many failed attempts he finally flies. Owl realizes that the magic wasn't in the words, but in not giving up.

Themes: Growth Mindset, Feelings

Lexile level: 490



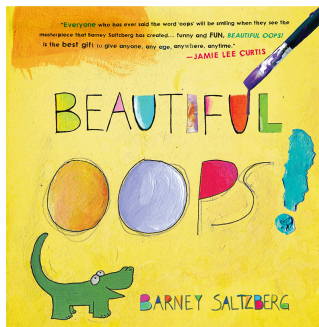
After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)

Author: Dan Santat

After falling off a wall Humpty Dumpty becomes fearful of heights holding him back from a lot of things he loves. Will he be able to overcome his fear? Will he be forever known as the egg who fell off a wall? Or as the egg who got back up again?

Theme: Growth Mindset

Lexile level: 550



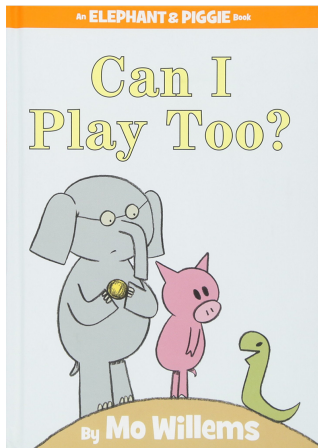
Beautiful Oops

Author: Barney Saltzberg

Everyone makes mistakes. Mistakes are normal. In fact they're great! In this book see how you can turn your mistakes into something new, positive, and creative. Mistakes aren't bad. They're fantastic!

Themes: Growth Mindset, Problem-Solving

Lexile level: 320



Can I Play Too?

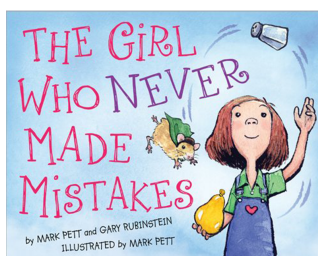
Author: Mo Willems

Gerald and Piggie want to play a game of catch. Snake wants to play too. But how can you play catch if you don't have any arms. See how these friends work together to make sure everyone can play the game.

Themes: Kindness, Friendship

Lexile level: 180

This book can be used with Units 1 and 4.



The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes

Author: Mark Pett

Beatrice Bottomwell has never ever, not even once, made a mistake. She's never forgotten her homework. She's never worn mismatched socks. She is known in her town

as the girl who never made mistakes! Until one day, she does. A big mistake in front of the whole town. How will Beatrice handle her mistake? Will she learn to embrace them?

Theme: Growth Mindset

Lexile level: 520



It's Okay to Make Mistakes

Author: Todd Parr

This little book is like a reassuring pep talk. Did you color outside the lines? Then you were creative! Were you clumsy, or did you invent a new move? This cheerful book will have you looking on the bright side of everything.

Themes: Feelings, Growth Mindset

Lexile level: 390

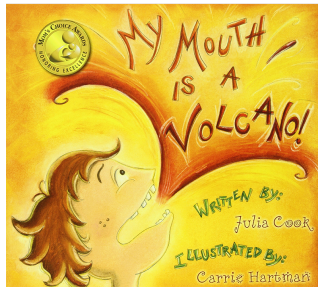


The Magical Yet

Author: Angela DiTerlizzi

Discover the power of three magic letters, Y-E-T. Can't tie your shoes? Or you can't tie them yet? Can't ride a bike. You can't ride it yet. This three letter word helps remind us that the things we can't do are just a few tries away.

Theme: Growth Mindset



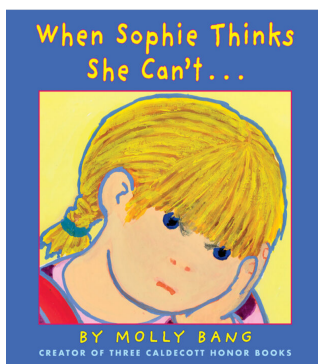
My Mouth is a Volcano

Author: Julia Cook

Louis has a lot of important things to say, and the words just erupt out of his mouth. Then, one day in school, he realizes that other people have volcanoes for mouths, too.

Themes: Emotion Management, Empathy, Growth Mindset

Lexile level: 600



When Sophie Thinks She Can't

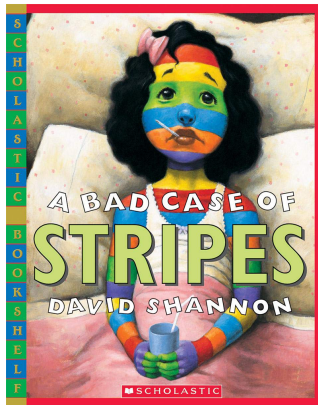
Author: Molly Bang

When Sophie feels like she can't do puzzles or math, she learns the most important word: "Yet." She learns that when she tries and grows, she gets smarter every day. She just hadn't figured out puzzles . . . yet.

Themes: Problem-Solving, Growth Mindset

Lexile level: 520

Unit 2



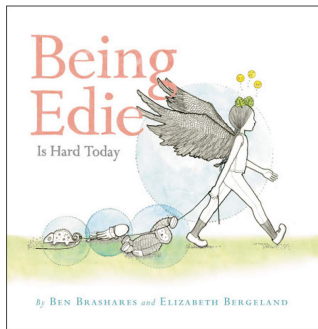
A Bad Case of the Stripes

Author: David Shannon

When Camilla gives up something she loves to be like everyone else, she comes down with a bizarre illness—a bad case of the stripes! How will Camilla get back to her true, unstriped self?

Themes: Emotion Management, Feelings, Problem-Solving

Lexile level: 610



Being Edie is Hard Today

Author: Ben Brashares

Being Edie is hard today. No one understands. Not her mother. Not her teachers, or the kids at school. If only if she could be an animal! Edie's imagination may be the perfect escape, but she can't run from her feelings forever if she's going to be comfortable in her own skin.

Themes: Emotion Management, Feelings



Big Feelings

Author: Andrea Penfold

What can you do when things don't go your way? You might feel a lot of different feelings- angry, sad, frustrated, tired- but there are ways to feel better and keep moving forward.

Themes: Emotion Management, Friendship, Growth Mindset